प्रमाणन संबंधी एक स्कीम लागू की गई हैं। सलाहाकार पैंनलों का गठन है कि महिलाओं को उचित प्रतिनिधित्व प्रदान किया जाए।

U.S. Airlines Seeking Entry in India

182. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJ-RAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the "Times of India" of 30th June, 1995 that there are many US Airlines seeking entry in India;

(b) whether India's position has recently been reviewed in a meeting between the Foreign Secretary and the Secretary of the Civil Aviation Ministry; and

(c) if so, what is Government's policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. After discussions with the Ministry of External Affairs, a decision has been taken to seek a review of the India-US bilateral Air Services Agreement. A request for bilateral talks to discuss this issue has already been made to the U.S. Government.

Criticism of Political Parties about DD-CNN Agreement

183 SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan agreement with CNN has been criticised by the media and several political parties; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction to the criticism being made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH ! DEO): (a) and (b) The agreement has evoked both positive and negative reactions. Government, however, does not share the view that the agreement is against our national interest.

Cooperative Banks in Uttarakhand

184. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to increase the number of cooperative banks in Uttarakhand area of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Under the three tire co-operative structure, there are District Central Co-operative Banks acting as Central Financing Agency in the district and these District Central Cooperative Banks (one District Co-operative Bank in each District) are free to open branches within their area of operation (entire district) without obtaining permission from Reserve Bank of India (RBI). RBI has reported that there are 57 District Central Co-operative Banks already functioning in all the districts of Uttar Pradesh including the Uttarakhand area which are catering to the credit requirements of people in the area of their operations.

Time Slot Arrangement between Doordarshan and C.N.N.

185. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what is the arrangement of time-slot in the agreement reached between Doordarshan and C.N.N.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): The salient features of the agreement between Doordarshan and Turner Internation Inc., USA are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

The Salient Features of the Agreement between Doordarshan and Turner Internation inc. U.S.A. are as follows:

(i) The term of the agreement is 2 years.

(ii) Doordarshan will provide uninterrupted access 24 hours a day to the INSAT 2B, C-Band transponder along with uplink and downlink facilities to the CNNI service.

(iii) The DD/CNN channel will carry minimum of two and a maximum of eig half hours of original news and currc affairs programmes per day provided the Doordarshan.

(iv) Doordarshan will provide Turner International a minimum of one hour transmission time daily terrestrially on cither DD-1, DD-2 or DD-3 for Turner Internationals entertainment or current affairs programming. This shall be subject to Doordarshun's editorial control. Doordarshan's decision will be final and binding on.the acceptability or otherwise of such programmes.

(v) Turner International will pay Doordarshan an annual telecast fee of US $1,500,000 (one million five hundered thousand dollars).

(vi) Turner International will pay Doordarshan 50% of the additional net revenue over and above the first one million five hundred thousand dollars from the said satellite channel.

(vii) Turner International will pay Doordarshan, 50% of the net advertising revenue derived from Turner International's programming carried on the DD-3 channel.

(viii) Turner International will pay Doordarshan 65% of the net advertising revenue derived from Turner Internationals programming carried on the DD-1 and DD-2 channels.

(ix) Tuner International will do the marketing of all CNNI and TI programming.

(x) The advertising time on the satellite channel will range from 2 minutes an hour for the CNNI service to 4 minutes an hour for DD programming.

(xi) Turner International will be allowed 4 minutes an hour of the advertising time on its programming relayed terrestrially on DD-1, DD-2 and DD-3.

(xii) Doordarshan and Turner International will not exercise any editorial control on each others programming on the satellite channel. However, all programmes will conform to Doordarshun's broadcast and advertisement code.

(xiii) Doordarshan and Turner International will provide to each other news, information stories and footage from each others programming. Turner will pay the requisite delivery charges to Doordarshan for this purpose. There will be no' such corresponding obligation on Doordarshan.

(xiv) Turner International will provide on a fee basis to Doordarshan assistance in its international news gathering operations outside India.

Private Investment in Power Sector

186. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI K. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received encouraging response from both domestic and international investors in the field of privatisation of power sector; and

(b) the number and details of private investors approved so far in the country?